

## ANNEX I

## QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Aid should be granted only for the storage of products of sound and fair marketable quality, of Community origin and for which quality requirements have to be laid down.

Levels of radioactivity in the products eligible for private storage aid may not exceed the maximum levels permitted, where applicable, under Community rules. The level of radioactive contamination of the products shall be monitored only if the situation so requires, and during the requisite period. Where necessary, the duration and scope of checks shall be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 195(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007.

## I. Meat

Private storage aid shall be granted only for meat fulfilling the following criteria:

- (a) beef classified in accordance with the Community scale for the classification of carcasses laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2006<sup>(1)</sup>, and identified in accordance with Article 4(3)(c) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1669/2006<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (b) carcasses of lambs less than 12 months old and cuts thereof derived from animals identified in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004<sup>(3)</sup>.
- (c) it shall come from animals raised in the Community since at least the last three months in case of beef, two months in case of pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat and slaughtered not more than 10 days before the date on which the products are placed in storage;
- (d) it shall be derived from animals raised in accordance with the prevailing veterinary requirements;
- (e) it shall have obtained the health mark referred to in Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(4)</sup>;
- (f) it shall have no characteristics rendering it unfit for storage or subsequent use;
- (g) it shall not come from animals slaughtered as a result of emergency measures;
- (h) it shall be placed in storage in the fresh state and stored in the frozen state.

## II. Cheeses

## 1. Grana Padano, Parmigiano-Reggiano and Provolone cheeses

Private storage aid shall be granted only for cheeses:

- (a) of the minimum age provided for in Article 28(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 on the date when storage under the contract commences and which have not been the subject of a previous storage contract;
- (b) for which each lot weights at least two tonne;
- (c) indelibly stamped with:
  - (i) a mark issued by the agency appointed by the Member State;
  - (ii) the number identifying the factory which has manufactured them;

- (iii) the month of manufacture, which may be in code;
- (iv) a special storage mark put on the cheeses when they are taken into storage in order to distinguish them from those not covered by a storage contract.

2. Long-keeping cheeses, Pecorino Romano, Kefalotyri and Kasseri

Private storage aid shall be granted only for:

- (a) whole cheeses;
- (b) cheeses manufactured in the Community and which:
  - (i) are indelibly marked with an indication of the undertaking in which they were manufactured and of the day and month of manufacture; the above details may be in code form;
  - (ii) have undergone quality tests which establish their classification after maturing.

III. Butter

Private storage aid shall only be granted for butter produced in an undertaking approved in accordance with Article 4(1)(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 105/2008, during the 28 days preceding the day of application or the day of submission of the tender.

The packaging of the butter shall show at least the following particulars, which may be encoded, where appropriate:

- (a) the number identifying the factory and the Member State of production;
- (b) the date of production;
- (c) the date of entry into storage;
- (d) the production batch number;
- (e) the word 'salted' in the case of butter as referred to in the Article 28(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007;
- (f) the net weight.

Member States may waive the obligation to indicate the date of entry into store on the packaging provided the store manager undertakes to keep a register in which the particulars referred to in the first subparagraph are entered on the date of entry into store.

IV. Sugar

Sugar for which a tender or application is presented shall be:

- (a) white sugar in crystal form in bulk and/or in big bags (800 kg or more) and/or in 50 kg bags;
- (b) produced within a quota of the marketing year in which the tender or application is made with the exclusion of white sugar withdrawn, carried forward or offered to public intervention;
- (c) of sound and fair marketable quality, free-flowing, with a moisture content not exceeding 0,06 %.



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- (1) OJ L 214, 4.8.2006, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 312, 11.11.2006, p. 6.
- (3) OJ L 5, 9.1.2004, p. 8.
- (4) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55; corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22.